Technology mission on Jute

3548. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the ministry have plans to introduce a 'Made in India' brand for promotion of Indian jute products in the overseas market;

(b) the funds allocated for proposed jute technology mission; and

(c) the aim of the mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2.97 crores has been provided for the Jute Technology Mission in the budget estimates for 2003-04 of Ministry of Textiles.

(c) The Mission aims at different aspects of Jute related activities in the field of agriculture, industry and marketing of raw jute and finished products. The main objectives of the Mission, *inter-alia* are :

(i) To increase the productivity of jute, mesta and allied fibres by inventing superior varieties of seeds,

(ii) To create strong market linkages of raw jute and mesta by improving the existing markets infrastructure,

(iii) To increase productivity in jute industry by adopting proven technologies and modernization, and

(iv) To increase production-base of diversified jute products throughout the country and to strengthen marketing of such products by adopting appropriate marketing strategies both in overseas and domestic markets

Taxes/cess levied on different stages of production in Textile Industry

†3549. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that taxes or cess are levied at the different stages of production in textile industry in the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.